

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB

BULLETIN



July 2007



Summer Bash 2007

Will be held at
Gayle and Oscar's
August 26
11:30 am
(please...do NOT arrive early)



Join us at
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
July 25, 2007
Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M



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Gavel Gab

By Paul Dorey WN6K

June swept thru and all of the Field Day activities are over for another year. Reports from various members are that although a bit down from previous years, there was enough action to hold most operators interest. I noted that I did not find as much DX as usual – there are always a few that manage to get into the log and impress the novitiates in their once a year exposure to HF radio ops – but ‘ol Sol just wouldn’t cooperate. The weekend following FD however was the Canada Day Contest (RAC) and I had a very nice opening to various parts of EU with a goodly variety of countries on 20 CW. But alas that one spot is once again turning the bend and we will just have to wait out till maybe yet another spot graces us with it appearance. Keep the receivers turned up though...anything can happen.

World Renowned DXer to Coordinate DXpedition

Bob Grimmick, N6OX, will lead a large international team to **Clipperton Atoll** in early March 2008. Their goal is to make 100,000+ QSOs. Further information is expected in due course. The web site for the expedition is at www.clipperton2008.org

(taken from the [425DX Bulletin \(Italy\)](#))

Grimmick is a past Vice President of the San Diego DX Club.



San Diego DX Club Policy on content of

DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!

TREASURER'S REPORT

June 30, 2007

Balance as of June 1, 2007: \$4,062.09

Income: None

Expenses: None

Balance as of June 30, 2007: \$4,062.09

Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00

Total Checking/Petty Cash: \$4,082.09

MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2007

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA. The meeting was called to order by the President, Paul Dorey, WN6K. There were 26 members and 2 guests present. Wild Bill WB6BFG and Phil Wells AF6AV.

Gayle Olson K6GO talked a bit about the upcoming Summer Bash to be held on August 26th at her home. Please bring your own portable chairs, and she still needs people to help with cleanup. (*Ed. Note: Details to be printed elsewhere in newsletter and website.*)

The DX Roundtable was interesting and informative as usual. John, K6AM presented the Top Ten for 6 meters and the 160 band. (see elsewhere in this bulletin). Terry N6CW holds top honors on 6, while Rick N6ND holds the top spot on 160.

PROGRAM:

The program was a video on the Heard Island DXpedition .

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tuck Miller NZ6T (replacing Harry for the nite.)

**Harry W6YOO and
Tom Christian VP6TC**
(formerly VR6TC),

Tom is a great (3 times) grandson of Fletcher Christian, leader of the HMAS Bounty mutineers. Tom has been the Com-

THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 6 METERS

7/07 7/06 CALL ZNS C-D CFM WKD CHG

1.	1.	N6CW	27	100	100	102	-
2.	2.	K6TQ	18	57	57	57	-
3.	3.	N7CW	15	20	20	41	-
4.	4.	N6ND	17	12	12	35	-
5.	5.	K6ZH	10	19	19	23	-
6.	6.	W6EUF		17	17	22	-
7.	7.	KB5MY		?	?	15	-
8.	8.	WA6MHZ		?	10	10	-
9.	9.	N6AW		6	6	6	-
10.	10.	WN6K	2	1	2	3	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 160 METERS

7/07 7/06 CALL ZNS C-D CFM WKD CHG

1.	1.	N6ND	35	93	93	180	+3
2.	2.	K6TQ	34	175	175	175	-
3.	3.	W6YA	28	?	?	124	-
4.	4.	W6KUT	29	119	119	122	-
5.	5.	N6AW	30	116	116	116	-
6.	6.	K6AM		107	107	111	+4
7.	7.	K6XT	29	?	?	97	-
8.	8.	W6YI	28	21	21	85	+15
9.	9.	W6EUF		46	46	68	-
10.	10.	N6KI		3	3	49	-

The standings on 6 are frozen solid for a while. Lately, 6 has been open almost every day to somewhere, although unfortunately mostly for the domestic grid square set. The east coast is working Europe, but we are only working the east coast and the occasional Caribbean. Meanwhile, with the high bands gone, 160 is pretty good for a couple of months in the dead of winter. We should see at least one more DXCC handed out in the next year.

Both these bands are now being reported together since they both represent the ultimate challenge for the DX'er. Each takes the patience of a saint to wait out the ever-so-rare opening that may only last 5 minutes and be missed if someone in the right spot is not transmitting at just the right time. Our hats off to the top 10 winners in these categories.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, RTTY, phone, and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.



For the next few months, until the picture supply runs out, we will publish photos from Bill Denton NG6Z's trip to Africa.

Of course, if you have pics from DX sites, send them our way.

Summer Bash 2007

The 2007 Summer Bash will be held at the QTH of K6GO in Poway. It is sponsored by the San Diego DX Club. It will be August 26 at 11:30 AM. Food and refreshments are provided. All DXers and contesters are invited. Please note the directions to Gayle's house.

From I-15, go east on Rancho Bernardo Rd. (turns in Espola Rd.) Turn left on Valle Verde, left on Edina Way, right on Surrey Hills Court. If there is no parking, there is a park back on St. Andrews and Valle Verde. Gayle asks that people do not show up early.

Please bring your own portable chairs! We need more people to help cleanup after the event, and a couple more Ice coolers.



The Old DXer!!

The other day, the Old DXer was in the midst of his noon-day nap when he heard a commotion at the base of HIS Mountain. Now who, he wondered aloud would:

a) interrupt his much needed rest – especially in the midst of a Sunspot Minimum and even more importantly

b) dare to come up uninvited!

Peering out his opening, but who did he spy, but the ubiquitous QRPer huffing and puffing up the steep incline which he thought heretofore was safe from such unannounced arrivals from such riffraff. But being still of a kind sort, he allowed the QRPer to enter and catch his wind. After a suitable pause of pretending to not even acknowledge the presence of his interloper, he sighed and emoted “Weeeelll?”

The QRPer took a deep breath and proclaimed, “We have a BIG problem!” After another languishing pause, OD said, “Well am I going to have to guess or are you going to tell me?” The Q looked perplexed at the cantankerous attitude but chalked it up to it being in the bottom of the Cycle and it being mid-July and proceeded to proclaim, “We have an interloper amongst us and something must be done!”

“Pray tell who is this that has you, of such little power output in such an oscillation?”

“It’s one of those Big Guns from the Center of Valleys in North County. I am not quite sure why but he is now purporting to go on Six meters – the last safe bastion of we qrpers – putting up larger than life arrays at unfathomable heights, switching arrays and other such nonsense we of little power consumption can barely comprehend. Why oh Why would he DO such a thing...intrude on what little territory we thought we owned to ourselves?”

After yet another interminable pause, HE answered, “Although we have tried for so many years to pass on to you all that we can impart, there can be only one simple reason for this dramatic late-in-life epiphany by such a Big Gun. Simply - One must go where the DX IS!”

And thus the QRPer was sent back down the hill to ponder this and other imponderables for another day.

(Apologies but with great respect to Hugh Cassidy)

JIM K6ZH & HIS WIFE JOAN N6KIM VISITED SKIP W7PN IN WYOMING

Jim and Joan were recently on one of their fairly frequent road trips (yes, they are both retired) - this time to Yellowstone National Park and surrounding areas. While spending a couple of days in Cody, Wyoming, they had the good fortune to meet up with SD DX Club member Skip, W7PN (ex-W1NNI) and his wife Fredda for lunch. The attached photo shows Jim with Skip and Fredda at the bar (where else?) at the historic Irma Hotel in Cody.

As many of you recall, Skip and Fredda left good-ol' San Diego last year to move to Worland, Wyoming. They actually live on the farm where Fredda was raised. Skip is growing antenna towers on the farm now - from the photos he showed Jim & Joan, he's got about 5 towers and more on the way. He said to pass along an invitation to SD DX Club members to visit them in Wyoming.



Photo by Joan N6KIM

In Memory

of





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